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 Re: Manuscript: "Treasury's War"

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Dear [redacted]

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This letter is in response to your request of January 15, 2013, for review of a manuscript by Juan Zarate pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Manual (POL05-001-RMD).

Mr. Zarate's submission was reviewed with respect to FBI equities under the terms of the PRP and the reviewer noted the following matters which require possible amendment/correction.

- (U) Issue:
- (U) Page
- (U) Text as is in Document
- (U) Suggestion

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"As we landed in Kabul, the Secret Service's elite Counter Assault Team (CAT) traveling with us to protect Secretary O'Neill stood up in the plane and began to [redacted]
 [redacted]"

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(U) "As we landed in Kabul, the Secret Service's elite Counter Assault Team (CAT) traveling with us to protect Secretary O'Neill stood up in the plane and began to get ready."

(U//~~FOUO~~) Remove Statement suggesting [REDACTED]

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(S) "The Secret Service's Early work right after 9/11 [REDACTED] leading to the initial [REDACTED] (S)
confirmation of some of the hijackers' identities."

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(U) ~~(S//NSI)~~ "The Secret Service's Early work right after 9/11 [REDACTED] helped leading to the [REDACTED] (S)
initial confirmation of some of the hijackers' identities."

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27

"There was one bin Laden account we did find - in a Pakistani bank."
(U) Remove. Recommend verifying with the Department of State.

27

"Said would make sure that the family members of al Qaida fighters would be paid - with insurance--like benefits for those senior members killed in the fight against the United States and its apostate allies. [REDACTED]"

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~~(U)~~ "Said would make sure that the family members of al Qaida fighters would be paid - with insurance--like benefits for those senior members killed in the fight against the United States and its apostate allies. [REDACTED]"

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But the sources of funding were beginning to dry up."

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"The intelligence community found and confirmed his true name [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED] Mustafa al Yazid, and then began the debate about what to do with it."

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~~(U)~~ "The intelligence community found and confirmed his true name [REDACTED]
(S) [REDACTED] Mustafa al Yazid, and then began the debate about what to do with it."

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27-28

"The intelligence community wanted to keep his name quiet - in part to protect the methods by which we acquired his name. This was a method that was worthy of protecting [REDACTED]"

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(U) Use instead:

(U) ~~(S//NSI)~~ "The intelligence community wanted to keep his name quiet -

in part to protect the methods by which we acquired his name. This was a method that was worthy of protecting [redacted] (S)

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[redacted] (S) b1 Per Treasury
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36-42;
169-178
SWIFT information 36-42, internal government deliberations and private conversations with SWIFT executives [redacted] (S)

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(U//~~FOUO~~) While the overall knowledge that the US Government and SWIFT management came to an agreement the amount of detail in this section is too much [redacted] (S)

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The CEO was an MIT---trained American, Leonard "Lenny" Schrank, who had risen to the heights of the financial world with business acumen and a New Yorker's classic cutting wit [redacted] (S)

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(U) X~~(U//~~FOUO~~)~~ The CEO was an MIT---trained American, Leonard "Lenny" Schrank, who had risen to the heights of the financial world with business acumen and a New Yorker's classic cutting wit [redacted] (S)

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(U) See above comment.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Remove entirely.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Remove as this may potentially reveal sensitive investigative methods. Recommend verifying with the Department of Treasury.

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(U) X

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"On one occasion, Aufhauser met with [redacted] over coffee and briefed him on the program. As soon as Aufhauser finished his initial, informal presentation [redacted] looked straight at him and said, "What you have just told [redacted] me, I want to know nothing about. Our meeting is over." [redacted] stood up and left."

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Flag for Treasury Department. May be disclosing confidential information about an official US relationship with a foreign government official.

(U) Recommend:

(U//~~FOUO~~) "On one occasion, Aufhauser met with an official at a prominent bank over coffee and briefed him on the program. As soon as Aufhauser finished his initial, informal presentation, the official looked straight at him and said, "What you have just told me, I want to know nothing about. Our meeting is over." The official stood up and left."

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(U//~~FOUO~~) May be disclosing confidential information about an official US relationship with a foreign government official.
Recommend verifying with the Department of Treasury.

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46-46
First full paragraph starting with: "When it came to companies, organizations..."

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Flag for Department of State and/or Department of Treasury (S)

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to review potentially sensitive political negotiations [redacted] Chapter 3 should

be reviewed very carefully by the Department of State.

(U//~~FOUO~~) For perspective on what is publically known, Thomas Hegghammer's Jihad in Saudi Arabia has only this level of detail on the timing and negotiations of Saudi Positions on Terrorists linked to al-Qaida: "In the late summer of 2002, probably as the result of plots uncovered in the spring and summer of 2002, the attitude seems to have changed somewhat, at least in parts of the intelligence community." (ibid page 156).

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Remove entirely. Recommend verifying with the Department of State.

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(U) X (S)
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b1 Per Treasury

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Recommend removing entirely if meeting was held in confidence. Recommend verifying with the Department of State.~~SECRET~~

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Entire Section Regarding [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Remove section entirely if the conversations were held privately then they should remain as such. Disclosure could make it harder for the private sector to approach the Government if confidentiality cannot be maintained. Recommend verifying with Department of Treasury.

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"O'Neill made his presentation in New Delhi with energy in front of the Indian Finance Minister who was hosting the meeting [redacted]"

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(U) "O'Neill made his presentation in New Delhi with energy in front of the Indian Finance Minister who was hosting the meeting."

(U//~~FOUO~~) Recommend verifying with Department of Treasury and State.

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"Many countries did not want to create new security requirements that would slow the movement of passengers and tourists through busy airports. Countries [redacted] were sensitive -- with good reason -- to having any American presence at the point of interaction with passengers. Others [redacted] were just not interested at all."

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Rephrase (I could not find government publications publically stating this information already): (S)

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(U) ~~(S//~~NUF~~)~~ "Many countries did not want to create new security requirements that would slow the movement of passengers and tourists through busy airports. Countries [redacted] were sensitive -- with good reason -- to having any American presence at the point of interaction with passengers. Others [redacted] were just not interested at all."

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"Levey's name was becoming synonymous with the isolation of Iran - making him a household name in the banks and finance ministries of the world. The Iranian government followed his every movement [redacted]"

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(U) "Levey's name was becoming synonymous with the isolation of Iran - making him a household name in the banks and finance ministries of the world. The Iranian government followed his every movement."

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Recommend verifying with the Department of State.

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"An April 2012 FBI Intelligence report evaluating bitcoin use and exchange rates (currently about \$15 for one bitcoin) identified bitcoins as an increasingly attractive option for cyber criminals and other illicit groups. The report assessed with high confidence that criminals will increasingly exploit bitcoins using malware to steal the digital currency and botnets to generate new currency absent preexisting value. The potential for illicit use of bitcoins will only increase as the currency grows in popularity and the exchange rate stabilizes."

(U//~~FOUO~~) Refers to content of a leaked internal DI and Cyber Division report. The full report is available on the internet but was not formally released.

(U) Sources of Classification:

(U) ~~[redacted]~~
(U) FBI-NSISC 20090615

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*We note that not all of the issues mentioned above concern FBI equities. However, we ask that you consult with the appropriate agencies prior to the release of any information.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact ~~[redacted]~~ at 540-868-1697 or via e-mail at fbiprepub@ic.fbi.gov. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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Sincerely,

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Record/Information
Dissemination Section
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